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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL

1. DEATH OF OM KALTHOUM DOMINATES FRONT PAGES FEB 4, BUT JUDGING FROM GENERAL TONE OF LOCAL PRESS IN LAST FEW DAYS, GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LEAD STORY IN ANY CASE.

2. GROMYKO WAS MET BY FAHMY AT AIRPORT AND HAD FORMAL TALKS WITH HIM AFTERNOON FEB 3. WE UNDERSTAND GROMYKO REQUESTED IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH SADAT, BUT WAS TOLD INITIAL MEETING SHOULD BE WITH FAHMY AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD SEE HIM SOMETIME TODAY.

3. IN AIRPORT STATEMENT, GROMYKO SAID HIS VISIT IS A "FRIENDLY" ONE TO COUNTRY LINKED TO USSR BY IDENTITY OF AIMS, VIZ.

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HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD RECONVENE
SOON TO DISCUSS ALL QUESTIONS RELATED TO ME SETTLEMENT.

4. IN BANQUET TOAST, FAHMY EMPHASIZED EAGERNESS OF BOTH SIDES
TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS AND THEIR DESIRE TO DEVELOP BILATERAL
RELATIONS THROUGH A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE HIGHEST
LEVEL (I.E. BREZHNEV-SADAT). FAHMY DID NOT, AT LEAST ACCORDING
TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, REFER PUBLICLY TO GENEVA CONFERENCE.

5. AS WAY CASE YESTERDAY, THERE ARE NO EDITORIALS WHATSOEVER
WELCOMING COMRADE GROMYKO TO CAIRO.

6. PRESS REPORTS SIGNING BY FAHMY AND GROMYKO FEB 3 OF CONSULAR,
ECONOMIC PLANNING AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS.
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